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- Public Comment Sought on Draft Plan for Territorial Statehouse
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### **PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON DRAFT PLAN FOR TERRITORIAL STATEHOUSE**

Salt Lake City - Utah State Parks and Recreation is seeking public comment on the draft resource management plan (RMP) for Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum in Fillmore, Utah through Thursday, November 4.

The plan may be reviewed online at

<http://static.stateparks.utah.gov/plans/TerritorialRMPdraft2010.pdf> or in hardcopy at Utah State Parks and Recreation, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 116 in Salt Lake City or at Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum in Fillmore.

The draft RMP identifies issues relating to public use, future development, and operational efficiency for the next five to 10 years. A planning team consisting of park visitors, area residents, other agency representatives and park employees developed the draft plan through a series of team and public meetings.

Comments will be accepted through Thursday, November 4 by:

E-mail: [planscomment@utah.gov](mailto:planscomment@utah.gov)

Mail: Utah State Parks: Planning Section  
P.O. Box 146001  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 116  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6001

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### **OHV STAY ON TRAILS, SAFETY MESSAGES ENCOURAGED DURING HUNTING SEASON**

**Salt Lake City** -- As hunters venture out this fall, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Specialist Ann Evans offers the following tips to reduce OHV impacts, protect big game and habitat, and improve hunting and recreation experiences.

- Know vehicle use regulations for your hunting area. Contact the local land management agency for OHV travel regulations and information before the hunt.
- Stay on roads and trails designated for OHV use. Do not contribute to resource damage, stress to big game, or habitat destruction by creating illegal travel paths, which others may follow.
- Have respect for other users. Slow down or stop the OHV when approaching others on the trail. When meeting equestrians, approach slowly, pull over and stop, turn off the engine, remove your helmet and ask how best to proceed.
- Limit OHV use in and around campgrounds. Be respectful of other campers' desires for quiet.

For more information on OHV safety tips and education, please call 800-OHV-RIDE or visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov).

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### **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

October 17                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab  
Human History of the Colorado River: Join us for a discussion exploring this important water source in the desert southwest. Meet at 7 p.m. at the visitor center amphitheater. 435-259-2614

October 18                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab  
Geology Program: Join Ranger Dave Zuch for a presentation about the fascinating geology surrounding Dead Horse Point State Park. Meet at the Neck at 6:45 p.m. 435-259-2614

October 20                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab  
Night Walk- Join us at 7 p.m., for a short hike into the night. Learn more about your senses and creatures of the night as you journey without using a flashlight. 435-259-2614

October 21                      Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante  
Nature Hike - Nature's Grocery Store: Join the park naturalist on a guided hike through the pinyon-juniper woodlands. Discover how people and wildlife have depended on this important plant community for survival. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. 435-826-4466

October 22 – 23              Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins  
Johnson Canyon Hike: Join us at 5 p.m. for a hike to Johnson Canyon and Johnson Arch. Learn about the natural history of the area as you traverse lava flows and a desert scrub community on this ranger-led, two-mile hike. Space is limited and registration is required. 435-628-2255

October 22                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab  
Full Moon Hike: Join us at the Dead Horse Point Overlook at 7:30 p.m. for a mile-long full moon hike to learn about some nocturnal animals and talk about the night sky. Bring a jacket and hat, as the weather will be chilly. 435-259-2614

October 22 and 29 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield  
Ghosts of Camp Floyd - Is Camp Floyd haunted? The public is invited to participate in a paranormal investigation of Camp Floyd beginning at 6 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own tape recorders, film, digital and infrared cameras. A brief presentation will be conducted to familiarize visitors with ghost hunting techniques before the investigation starts. 801-768-8932

October 23                      Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding  
Field Trip: Join Bill Haven for an easy hike to several ancestral Puebloan sites at Abajo Haven Ranch. This event is free, but limited to 10 participants. 435-678-2238

October 23                      Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante  
Geology Hike - How did a forest turn to stone? Discover the answer on this guided hike to the Petrified Forest. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. 435-826-4466

October 23                      Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins  
Monsters in the Desert: Gila monsters are one of the most mysterious and endangered creatures of southwest Utah. Join Wildlife Biologist Ann McLuckie at 10 a.m. as she discusses the biology of these fascinating lizards. Find out how Gila monsters are studied using radio-telemetry and try radio tracking for yourself. 435-628-2255

October 24                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab  
Guided Nature Walk: Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 7 p.m., for a guided walk along the park's quarter-mile nature trail. Learn about desert plants and animals as the sun sets. 435-259-2614

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